

Amendments to the Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The razor cartridge of claim 7, wherein the amount of increase in exposure is positive and incrementally decreasing from razor blade to razor blade beginning with a forward-most razor blade and ending with an aft-most razor blade.~~

A razor cartridge, comprising:

a frame;

at least four razor blades supported by the frame, wherein each razor blade includes a cutting edge that extends along a length of the razor blade;

a guard attached to the frame, the guard including a contact surface, and wherein the guard is disposed forward of the razor blades; and

a cap attached to the frame, the cap including a contact surface wherein the cap is disposed aft of the razor blades;

the at least four razor blades being positioned relative to a plane extending between the contact surfaces of the guard and the cap such that each of the at least four blades has a greater amount of exposure than the razor blade of which it is positioned aft with the amount of increase in exposure between adjacent razor blades being non-uniform amongst the at least four razor blades;

wherein the amount of increase in exposure between adjacent razor blades incrementally decreases from razor blade to razor blade beginning with a forward-most razor blade and ending with an aft-most razor blade.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The razor cartridge of claim 1, wherein the at least four razor blades are positioned to alternate between positive exposure and negative exposure relative to the plane.~~

A razor cartridge, comprising:
a frame;
at least four razor blades supported by the frame, wherein each razor blade includes a cutting edge that extends along a length of the razor blade;
a guard attached to the frame, the guard including a contact surface, and wherein the guard is disposed forward of the razor blades; and
a cap attached to the frame, the cap including a contact surface wherein the cap is disposed aft of the razor blades;
wherein the at least four razor blades are arranged so that the cutting edge of each razor blade is adjacent a plane extending between the contact surfaces of the guard and the cap with the blade positioned to alternate between positive exposure and negative exposure relative to the plane.

10. (Original) The razor cartridge of claim 9, wherein the at least four razor blades includes a first razor blade, a second razor blade, a third razor blade, and a fourth razor blade, wherein the first razor blade is forward-most and has a negative exposure, and wherein the second razor blade is aft of the first razor blade and has a positive exposure, and the third razor blade is aft of the second razor blade and has a negative exposure, and the fourth razor blade is aft of the third razor blade and has a positive exposure.

11-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) ~~The razor assembly of claim 21, wherein the amount of increase in exposure is positive and incrementally decreasing from razor blade to razor blade beginning with a forward-most razor blade and ending with an aft-most razor blade.~~

A razor assembly, comprising:

a handle; and

a head that includes a frame at least four razor blades supported by the frame, wherein each razor blade includes a cutting edge that extends along a length of the razor blade, a guard attached to the frame, the guard including a contact surface, and wherein the guard is disposed forward of the razor blades, and a cap attached to the frame, the cap including a contact surface wherein the cap is disposed aft of the razor blades;

the at least four razor blades being positioned relative to a plane extending between the contact surfaces of the guard and the cap such that each of the at least four blades has a greater amount of exposure than the razor blade of which it is positioned aft with the amount of increase in exposure between adjacent razor blades being non-uniform amongst the at least four razor blades;

wherein the amount of increase in exposure between adjacent razor blades incrementally decreases from razor blade to razor blade beginning with a forward-most razor blade and ending with an aft-most razor blade.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~The razor assembly of claim 15, wherein the at least four razor blades are positioned to alternate between positive exposure and negative exposure relative to the plane.~~

A razor assembly, comprising:

a handle; and

a head that includes a frame at least four razor blades supported by the frame, wherein each razor blade includes a cutting edge that extends along a length of the razor blade, a guard attached to the frame, the guard including a contact surface, and wherein the guard is disposed forward of the razor blades, and a cap attached to the frame, the cap including a contact surface wherein the cap is disposed aft of the razor blades;

the at least four razor blades being positioned relative to a plane extending between the contact surfaces of the guard and the cap such that each of the at least four blades has a greater amount of exposure than the razor blade of which it is positioned aft with the amount of increase in exposure between adjacent razor blades being non-uniform amongst the at least four razor blades;

wherein the at least four razor blades are arranged so that the cutting edge of each razor blade is adjacent a plane extending between the contact surfaces of the guard and the cap with the blade positioned to alternate between positive exposure and negative exposure relative to the plane.

24. (Original) The razor assembly of claim 23, wherein the at least four razor blades includes a first razor blade, a second razor blade, a third razor blade, and a fourth razor blade, wherein the first razor blade is forward-most and has a negative exposure, and wherein the second razor blade is aft of the first razor blade and has a positive exposure, and the third razor blade is aft of the second razor blade and has a negative exposure, and the fourth razor blade is aft of the third razor blade and has a positive exposure.

25-28. (Canceled)